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WHOLE No. 2449.

CABLE IS HERE AT LAST

Messages Sent To President Roosevelt and Officials of the Company.

For Hours the Line Works Without the Slightest Hitch and is Held Open at Midnight for the Response to the Congratulatory Address Sent From the People of Territory.

through which was gathered within and without the office, and the people were full of interest in the goings on of the many officials who were on duty.

Steadily through the guides of the recorder the slender tape was drawn. There was never a faltering and the line which was drawn through the center of the strip was perfectly straight, until at about half past eight o'clock the line suddenly began to vary and the vibrations of the needle sent the tracing into hills and valleys along the clear horizon of the paper. "San Francisco" was spelled out, and as the half dozen operators and officials grouped about saw the tracing of the words their enthusiasm grew until it took the form of a cheer, and the people without

took up the shout and then Manager Dickenson stepped from the room and imparted the news which showed that the thought of the continent was within the minutes' touch of Hawaii.

From that time until after midnight there was nothing but excitement about the office of the company. As soon as the first service instructions had been put through, the wire was opened for the congratulatory words of the Secretary of the Territory to the President of the United States given elsewhere.

Secretary Cooper, Manager Dickenson and a group of intimate friends were close about Superintendent Gaines as he sent the message over the wire. It (Continued on Page 5.)

Cable Day Will Be Celebrated With a Mass Meeting and Ball.

Holiday May Be Declared in All Lines of Business and the Merry-Making Continued During the Remainder of the Week. Engineers and Others to Leave for Coast.

SAN FRANCISCO, January 1st.—Compliments of the season. Weather finer than California has ever known at this time.

With this message in his hand, Manager Dickenson stepped out into the rotunda of the offices of the cable company at 8:41 o'clock last evening and announced that the cable between Honolulu and the Pacific Coast of the continent was open and working successfully. In the office were gathered a number of the representative citizens of the city, and with him was Secretary Cooper, and the announcement was greeted with cheers.

To be exact, this was eight minutes after the recorder had shown that the great task of bringing Hawaii within a second of San Francisco had been finished, as the sensitive instrument which indicates the passage of the electric impulse began to vibrate about 8:30, and the preliminary service calls occupied the first few minutes of the action of the wire, and engrossed the attention of the busy officials who gathered about its end. It was the culmination of a generation's hopes and aspirations, and the people who saw the working of the instrument could not restrain a cheer.

The closing of the gap which intervened between Hawaii and San Francisco occupied the attention of everyone connected with the cable company yesterday. The cable ship Silvertown left the outside, where its anchors had held since returning from the unsuccessful trial of Monday, at 4:30 o'clock yesterday morning and at once ran to the buoy which marked the end of the line in the channel, some six miles off Diamond Head. This was the end of the intermediate cable, which had been joined to the rock line, the laying of which had been the cause of the demonstration of Sunday. The ship was seen from shore to proceed to the buoy and pick it up handily, and at 6:30 o'clock the work of putting in the splice was begun. For four hours the cable ship laid in the gentle

swells of the channel, and then with a hoisting of the signals which indicated that the cable was astern started for the east, paying out the great line.

The progress of the ship was watched from Diamond Head light by many visitors, and the officials of the cable company were just as anxiously waiting beside the tape which was being unreel through the recorder in the main office. They had been informed that they should open the wire for communication at 12:30 o'clock, and when that hour was reached the recorder ship was sent through the wheels which drew it under the pen which receives the messages from the outside world.

Four minutes of waiting and the first waving line of slender tape told of the setting to work of the speaking instruments of the ship. The message was strictly a service communication, but it told of the picking up of the cable, the splicing and the progress of the ship to the East. It was announced that half the distance to the buoy was completed, that every thing was going well, and that the ship would be able to complete its work.

At this time the lookout reported that the ship was proceeding at the rate of about seven miles, toward the East, and no change of course had been made to permit the reaching of the sea end buoy without a direct alteration of the plan of sailing. There was nothing doing for three hours, for the cable ship had announced that that length of time would be taken up with tests, and then the recorders again told in the waving line of the alphabet that the end of the journey had been reached and without any trouble at all the buoy had been picked up and the San Francisco end of the cable was on board the ship, and that everything was correct. After some few minor messages the local office was notified to look out for San Francisco within four hours.

Then ensued the long wait which told on the nerves of those who had spent days in watching for the speaking of the Coast to the midocean. Slowly the hours passed. It was an anxious



PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.

RAPID TRANSIT TO ACQUIRE THE TRAMWAYS

(From Thursday's Daily.)

The directors of the Rapid Transit Company and Col. Davidson, representing the Hawaiian Tramways Company, arrived at a tentative understanding yesterday, by which the Rapid Transit Company will acquire all of the franchises and property of the Tramways company.

As Col. Davidson is president of the Tramways Company and is the personal financial representative of the owner of the controlling interest, there is no question but that the understanding arrived at will be ratified in London.

It was the desire of the English company to buy out the Rapid Transit Company, and part of Col. Davidson's mission here was to attempt to achieve this object. The owners of the Rapid Transit Line absolutely refused to consider such a proposition, however, and the counter proposition to buy out the Tramways Company was thereupon taken up and practically agreed upon.

It is the expectation that Col. Davidson and L. Tenney Peck, the latter representing the Rapid Transit company, will proceed to San Francisco on the steamship Korea leaving here Friday or Saturday, and that the deal will be speedily concluded in San Francisco.

Until the controlling stockholders in England can be communicated with and it is ascertained that it is a certainty that the arrangement negotiated on their behalf by Col. Davidson will be ratified, the details of the sale are withheld from publication.

So certain does Col. Davidson feel that the transaction negotiated by him will be ratified, that all hostile local action on the part of the Tramways company against the Rapid Transit Company will cease and the two interests will, from this time forward, co-operate in harmony.

Cable Day will be celebrated by a great meeting in the grounds of the Executive Building this afternoon at 2 o'clock, with a Ball in the evening.

Now that the connection of the cable has been made the celebration of the opening of communication will be the feature of today. It is expected that the merchants and business men in general will close their places of business at noon, and that the merrymaking will consume the remainder of the week.

The committee which will have in charge the celebration of the event last evening decided that the affair would be made the feature of the afternoon. The open air meeting will be held in the grounds of the Executive building, commencing at 2 o'clock, and in the time before the meeting and during the intervals between speeches, there will be music by the band. There will be addresses by Secretary Cooper, Commissioner Eustis, General A. S. Hartwell, Henry E. Highton, and a response to the address of welcome by the representative of the company, not only here, but in the South Seas, S. S. Dickenson, whose title of manager does not tell all of his duties and honors, for he is the personal representative of Vice President Ward, with whom he has been associated for nearly a generation, and who will tell of the gratification of his principals upon the completion of this first leg of the great line across the Pacific.

The receipt of the message from the President of the United States will be the signal for a salute of 100 guns, and there will be special musical features. There will be, as well, other musical features, and the afternoon will be given over to merrymaking.

From half past six to eight o'clock

the fireworks display from the grounds of the Capitol will be the feature and after that hour will come the reception by the Secretary of the Territory and Mrs. Cooper, in the Executive building. The guests of honor will be the men from the cables and they will be entertained as well by several of the private citizens who have met them during their short stay.

The holding of the celebration today will mean that there will be present many of those who have had to do with the completion of the cable work. As soon as the local tests show that the task has been well done, and this should be completed today, Mr. Henry Benest, the engineer in charge of the expedition, and the staff of the India Rubber, Gutta Percha and Telegraph company in general, will depart for the Coast on their way to England. They are booked for the Korea, as are Mr. Martin and Mr. Trebell of the underground company. Four men may be left here to look after the work until the end of the month, during which the cable stays in charge of the contracting company.

Up to four o'clock this morning the cable steamer Silvertown had not been reported by the Diamond Head lookout. This is taken by the officials of the cable company to mean that the vessel had not succeeded in taking on board the marking buoy put down Monday. This is a task which is extremely difficult at night and the vessel may have decided to stand by the buoy until morning. The lost buoy is presumably in shore on the beach on the windward side and this also may be recovered by a search of the shore which could be made only by daylight.

The delay of the return of the engineers may mean some delay in the general opening of the cable for general commercial business, but it is not regarded as at all probable that the celebration will be interfered with in the slightest.

COOPER TO MACKAY.

MR. CLARENCE H. MACKAY,

President Commercial Pacific Cable Company, N. Y.

We send this token of our high appreciation of the completion of the great enterprise undertaken by your company of laying a telegraphic cable from the Coast of California to these Islands.

Mingled with our joy there is a feeling of deep regret that John W. Mackay did not live to see the completion of his project, and we assure you that his name will ever be cherished in fond remembrance by our people. HENRY E. COOPER,

Secretary of Hawaii.

COOPER TO ROOSEVELT.

THE PRESIDENT, Washington.

The people of the Territory of Hawaii send their greetings to you, and express their gratification at the inauguration of telegraphic communication with the mainland.

We all believe that the removal of the disadvantage of isolation will prove a strong factor in the upbuilding of a patriotic and progressive American commonwealth in these Islands.

HENRY E. COOPER,
Secretary of Hawaii.